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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 ROLAND MA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 CITY OF SEATTLE, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.
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NO. C19-1764RSL

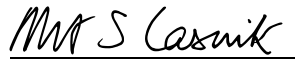
ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
LIFT STAY

15 On December 4, 2019, the Court denied plaintiff's application for Court-appointed
16 counsel and stayed the above-captioned litigation. One of the conditions of plaintiff's pretrial
17 release in state court was that he would have "No contact with City or the SPD except through
18 his attorney." Dkt. # 13 at 4; Dkt. # 14 at 31. The Municipal Court of the City of Seattle found "a
19 substantial likelihood that the defendant will commit a violent crime, interfere with witnesses or
20 [interfere with the] administration of justice" and barred him from contact with defendants in
21 this case in order to reduce that likelihood. Dkt. # 14 at 31. The undersigned concluded that,
22 unless and until the "no contact" condition were lifted or plaintiff obtained counsel to represent
23 him in this case, prosecution of this litigation would put him in direct violation of the Municipal
24 Court order.
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26 On December 20, 2019, plaintiff filed a "Motion to Lift Stay of Proceedings" on the
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1 ground that the City Attorney has moved to dismiss the criminal charge against plaintiff and,
2 therefore, the restrictions imposed in the conditions of release would soon expire. Dkt. # 28.
3 There is no indication in the motion or attached papers that the criminal case has, in fact, been
4 dismissed however. Absent such evidence, the stay will remain in place. Plaintiff's motion to lift
5 the stay is DENIED.
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8 Dated this 6th day of January, 2020.
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11 Robert S. Lasnik
12 United States District Judge
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